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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during examination of the instant application.

Applicant submits herewith a copy of the German Search Report (in German) dated February 17, 2003 and conducted in German Application No. 102 59 907.6, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular the German Examiner cited:

(1) DE 40 26 486. This document is cited as a "Y" category document (i.e., a document lacking inventive step). The document is indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-14 of the German Application;

- (2) DE 36 30 590. This document is cited as a "Y" category document. The document is indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-14 of the German Application;
- (3) DE 34 45 041. This document is cited as a "Y" category document. The document is indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-14 of the German Application;
- (4) EP 09 70 822. This document is cited as a "D,Y" category document (i.e., a document discussed in the German Application and lacking inventive step). The document is indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-14 of the German Application. This document is also discussed on paragraph [0004] of the instant application;
- (5) EP 07 52 326. This document is cited as a "Y" category document. The document is indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-14 of the German Application;
- (6) EP 04 75 929. This document is cited as a "Y" category document. The document is indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-14 of the German Application;
- (7) EP 04 54 658. This document is cited as a "Y" category document. The document is indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-14 of the German Application;

- (8) EP 02 68 436. This document is cited as a "X" category document (i.e., a document lacking novelty and inventive step when considered alone). The document is indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claim 1 of the German Application. This document is also cited as a "Y" category document. As a "Y" category document, it is indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 2-14 of the German Application; and
- (9) EP 01 14 594. This document is cited as a "D,Y" category document. The document is indicated by the German Examiner as being relevant to claims 1-14 of the German Application. This document is also discussed on paragraph [0005] of the instant application

Copies of the above-listed documents including the German Search Report are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Applicant notes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of a US application and/or before receipt of a first office action on the merits. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(1) and (3).

Should the Examiner have any further comments or questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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